



# IRON FIREMAN

# *Iron Man*

PUBLISHED BY THE EMPLOYEES OF IRON FIREMAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY, PORTLAND, OREGON.

VOL. 7. NO. 3

MARCH, 1950

## HAROLD WALKER MARKETS THAWER

'Twas an ill wind which blew Harold Walker some good. Harold, in the order department at plant 1, has a spare time activity manufacturing his Walker Electric Thawer, a device for use on frozen water pipes. The cold winter weeks meant that he was really busy.

The thawers, sold through plumbing supply houses, have been distributed in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. They have been manufactured under their trade name for approximately 25 years, having been first assembled by Harold's father.

Used mainly by plumbers, the thawer was in big demand and as a result of the protracted cold during the past few weeks, Harold's business boomed way beyond his expectations.

## RED CROSS DRIVE TO OPEN SOON

March is Red Cross month! In accordance with the national custom, the local chapter will conduct its annual fund campaign starting March 1st.

This is the time that the people have an opportunity to help shoulder their neighbor's burdens when the sudden hurricane, the forest fire, the flash flood sweep away homes and possessions.

The response of Americans, not only at fund raising time but throughout the year, to every part of the Red Cross program — blood, safety, service to veterans and the armed forces and their families, nursing, disaster, inter-national activities and other services — has never failed.

Iron Fireman employees will have an opportunity to make their contributions through a plant-wide solicitation in the near future.

## PORTLAND'S FIRST CITIZEN



President T. H. Banfield accepts the official plaque designating him Portland's First Citizen for 1949 from William W. Barendrick, president of the Realty board. The occasion was a banquet in Mr. Banfield's honor on February 2. Oregon's Governor Douglas McKay is an interested onlooker.

## EMPLOYEES GIVE TO BLOOD BANK

Iron Fireman employees contributed a total of 89, life-saving pints of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank when the mobile unit came to the company on February 22 and 23.

The unit was set up in the First Aid station at Plant 1, with Red Cross doctors, nurses and technicians in charge of the operation.

As a result of these donations now, during the coming year all employees of Retail Sales, Heating Control and Plants 1 and 2, as well as members of their families, will benefit should a need for transfusions arise.

### A SHORT, SHORT SAFETY STORY

"Insignificant", said the victim.  
"Infection", said the doc.  
"Incredible", said the mourners.  
"In Peace", said the granite block.  
Mill & Factory

At a banquet in his honor at the Cosmopolitan club, President T. H. Banfield received the plaudits of city and state leaders and the badge of Portland's First Citizen of 1949.

Mr. E. C. Sammons, formerly Vice-President of Iron Fireman, now President of the United States National Bank, was toastmaster at this 24th annual banquet of the Portland Realty board. Governor Douglas McKay told of Mr. Banfield's development of the company to the point where it is now the largest manufacturer in its field and also praised his work with the state highway commission.

Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee and Edgar W. Smith, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, added their tribute.

The plaque was presented by William W. Barendrick of the Portland Realty board.

## A Caveman, A Yankee, And Henry Ford

### They Brought Us Mass Production

Henry Ford, proudly showing his first Model T to a friend, may well have remarked:

"That car cost a fortune to build. But I'm going to sell others just like it — for \$950!"

He did — millions of them! As sales zoomed, the price dropped. Within five years, not for \$950, but for as little as \$490, you could own a car.

Ask anyone today how an automobile could be sold for so little money and he'll answer: "Mass production." But only 35 or 40 years ago, few of us knew about mass production.

Today mass production gives us a car which otherwise would cost \$50,000, for \$2,000; a \$250 suit of clothes for \$35; a \$50 clock for \$5. Life-saving penicillin, which only a few years ago cost \$20 a shot, now costs only a fraction of that. How did mass production come about?

Actually, it began when some pre-historic man discovered that he was better at making spearheads than he was at hunting. This got him to thinking. Other men in his tribe, he discovered, were better hunters than they were spearhead-makers.

All this gave him an idea. He made a deal with two or three of the best hunters, to make their spearheads. They hunted for him. The more spearheads they asked for, the faster and better he made them. With better spearheads, the hunters got more game.

Soon other hunters wanted to use his spearheads. They offered to build him a better hut, and to share their game. Before long he was making spearheads for the whole tribe. And with better tools, everyone had more to eat, more skins to keep out the cold.

But this was only the first step toward mass production. It was not until after America was founded — 100,000 years later — that men learned the next steps.

Then Eli Whitney, the Connecticut Yankee who invented the cotton gin, developed the idea of standardization by making parts of a musket interchangeable. Others improved on that, and invented precision machines. Still others figured out manufacturing methods which cut out waste motion, confusion and lost time. Then Henry Ford, borrowing an idea from the meat packers who had devised trolleys on overhead tracks to carry animal carcasses past the butchers who cut them into sections, added the final touch — the assembly line.

This, then, is the story of mass production — the method of manufacturing which makes America great. It was our "secret weapon" in war. It is our most potent force for peace. It enables us to out-produce, many times over, the people of other countries.

Because of mass production, we're able to feed and clothe half the world and at the same time eat better ourselves, have better homes, enjoy more and more comforts, work shorter hours for more pay, and have more time left for recreation, education and enjoying life.

## IRON MAN

VOL. 7, NO. 3

MARCH, 1950

Published bimonthly by the employees  
of the Iron Fireman Manufacturing  
Company, Portland, Oregon

HAROLD GOWING and  
WAYNE STRONG ..... Advisors

### STAFF, PLANT 1 AND 2

HARRIET WHALLEY ..... Editor

LEE KARR and  
GERALD COX ..... Photographers

### Reporters and Writers

George Porter, Rosemary Paulsen, Herb  
View, Arnett McBroom, Bruce Fields,  
Willard Schwalbe, Irvine Youngbluth,  
Walt Seiler.

Jim Collins, Retail Sales

### STAFF, HEATING CONTROL

DICK WALKER ..... Associate Editor

WALT MANNING ..... Photographer

### Reporters and Writers

Clinton Neff, Joan Linden, Lois Reischel,  
Verna Thralls, Predetta Heisler,  
Ruth Smith.

Member, Pacific Northwest Industrial  
Editors Association

## IRON FIREMEN GIVE TO MARCH OF DIMES

Those interesting looking replicas of an iron lung, brought a total of \$497.65 to the 1950 March of Dimes funds from the Portland Iron Fireman plants and their employees.

Of this, \$172.65 totaled the contributions from the employees. The balance was presented by the company and its officers.

## LEADERS ATTEND TRAINING MEET

Attending some of the meetings of the recent supervisor's training conference conducted by Dr. William Levy of the National Association of Foremen, were these Iron Fireman employees: Jimmy Piehl, Phil McGuire, Bill Schuff and Al Hoffmeister of Plant 1; Dick Walker, Art Aldinger and Helen Cook of Heating Control Division.

The Greater Portland Management Club, of which Harold Gowing is president, was host organization for the conference.

## LAUGESON HEADS MASONIC GROUP

Earl Laugeson of the maintenance department is the new president of the High Twelve Masonic Club at Plant 1. Elected at a luncheon on January 23rd, he will preside over the noon meetings during the coming year.

# T H E R M O - - S T A T I C

When you notice Ben Leroy, Floyd Rindfleisch or George Schaffer around the shop, step up to the healthiest persons in the plant and congratulate them for a perfect attendance record in 1949. That's a record you can be proud of, boys.

An Early Spring — Or, It's a Good Thing His Head Is Attached.  
In the spring, the sap runs and the buds swell,  
But Bill Duncan's different. His hat runs and his head swells.  
Like the guy on the flying trapeze, He switches hats with the greatest of ease  
And comes traipsing in with a rusty old bonnet  
That's the wrong color, wrong hat and the wrong guy on it.  
Anonymous

It certainly seems good to see the control lines start up again in Heating Control. Familiar faces who have been called back to work since the holidays are:

Lydia Abbott, Flossie Axtell, Lucile Bradley, Ann Burkett, Doris Cressler, Jessie Dahm, Effie Graber, Veola Graetz, Pat Grapperhaus, Kathleen Hall, Jennie Henderson, Arlene Holman.

Mary Hooyboer, Blanche Kirby, Ruth

Leppert, Mildred McKamey, Elizabeth Nance, Nellie Nelson, Hazel Phillips, Josie Procter, Jean Randolph, Mildred Salerno, Jessie Scott, Little Torgerson, Ruth Walsh, Marie White, Ida Wirtz and Julia Whitman.

The new men hired in the machine shop to help keep the assembly line flowing are: Ronald Bartlett, Bill Causgrove, Ralph McConnell, Don Procter, Bill Shavey and Doug Triplett. Carl Houser, Russell Rollofsen and George Smith are working in the tool room.

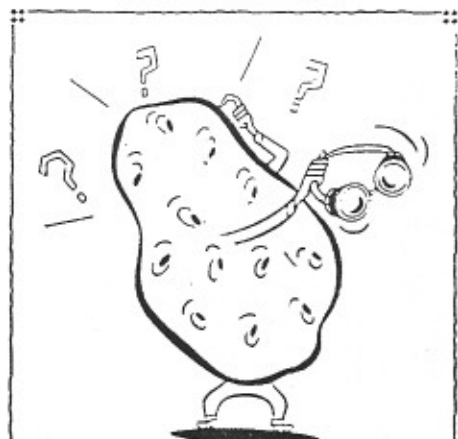
We are pleased to have you with us, folks.

It seemed that everyone was falling on the ice last month, but Helen MacIntosh won the "Oscar" for the fall-of-the-month. We are pleased to see you back, Helen. And for the sickness-of-the-month, poor little Lois Reischel took all honors with, of all things, a case of the mumps. The stock room wasn't the same without her and we are all mighty glad to have her back with us again.

Have you people in Plant 1 and Retail been hearing these questions on the lips of every World War II veteran in the place? "What's your number? Have you got it yet?" Well, we at

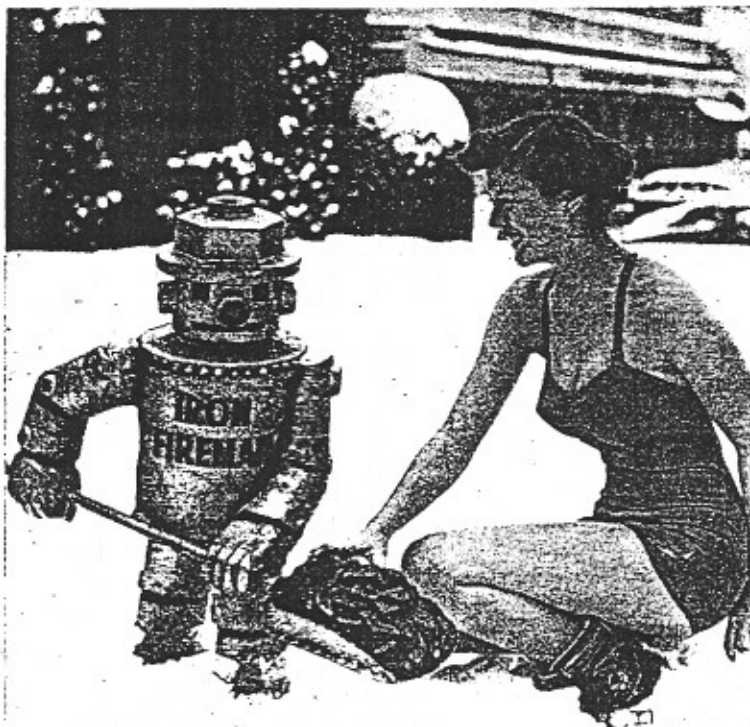
Heating Control have and the reason is that the veterans are receiving their GI insurance dividends this year.

If anyone is looking for a place to put his dividend, remember, Savings Bonds are a mighty good investment and that they can be purchased for cash through your Personnel office as well as through the payroll deduction method.



Take the lowly Potato, you guys  
It consists almost wholly of eyes  
But you have just two  
Alarming few  
So protect 'em . . . wear goggles  
. . . be wise!

## IRON FIREMAN PRODUCTS HONORED



Above: Ted Bryant is pleased recipient for Iron Fireman of award presented by Polly Knickerbocker at the Oregon brand names dinner.

Left: Let it snow! Weather means little to the Iron Fireman Robot or to Becky Anthony, attractive Jantzen model. These two represent 38 Oregon products which have been sold under the same name for at least 25 years. The companies were honored at a special banquet given by the Oregon Advertising Club on January 31 at the Multnomah Hotel.





## STRICTLY PERSONAL



It is a comet? a meteor? No, not at all! That bright spot in the engineering department has been Roy Englund. Those kelly green and canary yellow ties are the right colors for a really gay bit of contrast, too.

Button, button, who's got Margaret Turner's suit button?

Troubles never come singly, they say. For proof, just ask Johnny Johnson in grinders. First his older boy, Gordon, age 5½ contracted scarlet fever and was barely recovering from that when he broke out with chicken pox. Not to be outdone, Jerry, who is 3, also caught chicken pox, and for a while, Johnny had a hard time recognizing either one of them.



Celebrating her first birthday on March 3rd, is this dark-eyed young lady her Dad calls "Punky." Christened Stephanie Gene, she is the daughter of BEN STANGEL of the tool room, Plant 1.

### SHORT STORY

Those big ker-choos  
Come from Ed Hughes

Our Own Classifieds: Anyone who would like to learn to knit, see Margaret Shorthill, Plant 1 office.

For Sale: One set knitting needles, one unfinished sock. See Dorothy Miller, Plant 1 office.

Wanted: Some of that delicious pin-oché that Mildred Patterson makes from her own secret formula.

It was a treasure hunt for Gerry Quiriconi one lunch hour early in February with two beautiful wedding presents at the end of the search. The girls in the office gave her a pop-up

toaster and a combination waffle iron and sandwich grill.



Greetings! We're glad to have you with us.

In Tool Design, the new faces belong to John Dixon, Leonard Wickland, Ray Vanderhoff. Dick Osweiler is back on a drafting board in this department after an absence of several months.

Madge Russell is Elmer Howard's secretary, and Olive Oldfield is also a newcomer in the order department.

Lora Summersett and Jean Meyers are occupying desks in Material Control, while Elizabeth Ann Olson has the pleasant voice we've been hearing on the P. A. system. It's good to see Lois Mendenhall Adams who has returned to Iron Fireman to work for Ralph Klein.

William Boyer on turrets, is working the second shift in the shop. Joseph Oliver and Howard Sievert are in the turret lathe department on days. Norman Warner is the new man on auto-matics.

Our best wishes to Elver Unis on his new job in Material Control and to Bob Regan who took Elver's place in Dispatch.

That beautiful, blue Buick, so shiny and new, belongs to Gil McMurray of the tool room.

He has a new look! Ken Baldus with his new glasses has changed the landscape in the Plant 1 office a bit.

Our best wishes to Fred Groshong for a rapid recovery. Fred's home away from home is the Emanuel Hospital where he is convalescing from a serious illness.

"Gone but not forgotten," Adolph Olson, tool room, and Wilbur Whitesell of tool grinding, can say now. They

would be referring, of course, to their recently removed appendices.

Iron Fireman has talent a-plenty. Avert Hartenstein of assembly, sings first tenor in a quartet which broadcasts every Sunday afternoon over KGON.

Al Endicott of the Machine Shop has sent several short stories to Colliers and his contributions have been gratefully received by that magazine.

Olive Oldfield, Plant 1 Office, is a talented young lady who plays the violin with the Portland Chamber Orchestra.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all of you who were born during March and April and best wishes for a successful, healthy and prosperous year to come.

We greet the following:

- March 1: Winthrop Baker.
- March 5: John Barnett
- March 6: Terry Lowry
- March 7: Otto Petrich.
- March 8: Clarence Kidner and Orval Sater.
- March 11: Ray Kaleshnik.
- March 13: Ray Martens.
- March 14: Harry Johnson and Kathleen Coffey.
- March 15: Larry Hodl.
- March 16: Marvel Justice.
- March 17: Harold Borisch.
- March 19: Bud Schwerin.
- March 21: Rosemary Paulsen.
- March 23: Betty Campbell.
- March 25: Leland Staben and Henry Evers.
- March 26: Lewis Newsom and Jacob Weber.
- March 27: Avert Hartenstein.
- March 29: Herb Ross.
- March 30: Emil Knuth.
- March 31: William Boyer.
- April 1: Stephen Putman.
- April 2: Jeannette Baker.
- April 3: Gilbert McMurray
- April 5: Ray LaVodie.
- April 6: Dick Osweiler.
- April 7: Gerald Hoder and Dan Bauer.
- April 8: Lora Summersett.
- April 9: Elmer Howard and Bill Brennan.
- April 13: Frank Wright and Paul Gierke.
- April 16: George Holcombe.
- April 19: Fred Groshong, Louis Van Borg and Bill Trendell.
- April 20: John Harnett and Oliver Bowers.
- April 21: Fred Spellman.
- April 23: Ed Nordgren.
- April 26: Mary Foley.
- April 27: Grace Knight.
- April 28: Charles Steinert.
- April 29: Frank Pearsall and Jessie Harvey.
- April 30: Paul Kennedy.

## Mac's Musings

By Arnet McBroom

Yesterday's Thrills: Sliding down a sleet-covered hill in a dishpan. The old silent Westerns and serial thrillers. Collecting cigar boxes. Watching a Saturday afternoon checker match in the general store. Fishing through the ice.

Fifty years ago: Mules were gaining in popularity in Middle West because of their record in Spanish-American War. Hand operated cream separators advertised as "mortgage lifters." Use of kerosene frowned upon as a detergent for the family wash.

An ad in a small town paper read: Wanted, an airy bedroom for a gentleman 22 feet long and 11 feet wide.

Also this one: A car load of bricks came in for a walk through the park.

Trouble is usually produced by those who don't produce anything.

Among the thousand delights that come to mind when I think of Grandmother are her peach butter and quince honey.

## DIRGE

Written to Commemorate the Passing of  
Blondie and Dagwood — Adessa Devlin's  
Goldfish.

Shed your tears,  
Let a prayer be said.  
'Tis a sad, sad day,  
For the fish are dead.  
Their lives were short  
In that bargain bowl,  
Though a happy life  
Was their owner's goal.

For one short day  
'Mid the office strife  
They swam about  
As big as life.

Evening came  
And darkness fell.  
Said he to she,  
"I don't feel well."

So weep, my friends,  
And shed that tear.  
Blondie and Dagwood  
Are no longer here.

## HERRON, SNIDER ATTEND LUNCHEON

Representing the company on January 25th at the Mac Wilkins Memorial award luncheon were Messrs. Joe Herron and C. W. Snider, guests of the Joseph R. Gerber Co.

The Mac Wilkins award is made yearly and is presented for the best advertising and merchandising program originating in Oregon for the past year. Iron Fireman won the contest in 1948.

## VITALISTICS

### ENGAGEMENTS:

Norma Haines, Office, Plant 1, to Harry Dozin.  
Rosemary Paulsen, Office, Plant 1 to Ensign Thomas H. Thornburg.  
Oliver Oldfield, Office, Plant 1, to Gene Worthington.

### WEDDING BELLS:

William Koch, Retail Sales, to Lucille Casey, January 27th.  
Geraldine Power, Office Plant 1 to Jimmy Quiriconi, February 12th.

### STORK CLUB:

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. McKiver, Mills, Plant 1, Swing Shift a daughter, Nancy Jean, 7 lbs. 2 oz., December 4, 1949.  
To Mr. and Mrs. D. Robert Regan, Dispatch, Plant 1, a daughter, Patricia, 5 lb. 13 oz., December 19, 1949.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Cox, Engineering, Plant 1, a daughter, Christine Louise, 7 lb. 8 oz., January 7.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCordle, Tool Grinding, Plant 1, a son, Craig Allen, 7 lb. 6 oz., January 9.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Large, Drills, Plant 1, a daughter, Judy Louise, 5 lb. 12 oz., January 23.

## IF WISHES WERE AIRPLANES THESE PEOPLE WOULD FLY

"They fly through the air with the greatest of ease." These are the young men who work on aircraft parts while on the job and fly the finished products whenever they get the chance.

Most active in this group of Iron Fireman fly boys is Al Vogelpohl of inspection, former pilot and instructor while an officer in the Army Air Corps, and now an enthusiastic member of the Air Corps Reserve. Once every four weeks, Al spends a weekend at the Portland Air Base where he pilots C-46's, AT-6's and AT-11's.

Tom Cole, milling machines, has had the fly bug all his life and while in the service really had a chance to get up into the wild blue yonder. As an air corps line chief and while stationed at fields from Australia north to the Philippines, Tom gave repaired planes flight checks - especially when it was too hot to work down below. Since returning to Portland, Tom has flown out of the Hillsboro airport and hopes to do some more in the not too distant future.

If there were just more of that green folding stuff, Orville Miller of the drill press department would get up more often. He is really interested when he talks about flying and looks forward to the day when piloting a plane will be in his budget again.

Ever lose sight of the airport with a rapidly emptying gas tank? This is what happened to Howard Ryerse of inspection on his first solo flight. It took a series of sharp banks to spot the field immediately below him. During the war, Howard flew from the

Boeing airport and fields at Cle Elum and Kent, Washington. His young daughter likes to fly, too, as long as she can hang on to her dad, and Howard hopes to be able to take her up more as she grows older.

Ervin Muckler of the receiving department has a real yen to fly. Last summer, he even went to the company picnic by plane. If the enthusiasts from Iron Fireman ever form a flying club, Erv will be one of its most wholehearted supporters.

Another Air Corps Reservist is Bill Roseneau, drill presses, who hasn't done much flying for a couple of years, but who plans to get his feet off the ground every once in a while through the activities of that group.



FOR SALE: By our candy man, Mr. Ward, who has been selling candy at the employees' entrance for several years. His confections are now available at his new store at Southwest Second and Morrison Streets, next to the Dickey Drug Store. You may also secure his candy at the Moreland Bakery at Southeast Bybee and Milwaukie Streets.

# S P O R T S



The State Bowling Tournament is over and Iron Fireman's Class "C" team took 5th place and \$75. Congratulations, boys!

The Al Vogelpohl and Bill Packer team took 12th place in Class "C" doubles and walked away with \$28. (Was Stinky hot ! !)

The annual city bowling tourney in which three teams will be entered from Iron Fireman, gets started February 25th.

Our "225 Club" has grown to six members now. These are Bob Hagner — 236, Les Strand — 248, Howard Cashin — 233, Art Foster — 229, Terry Lowry — 226, Bob Chambers — 227.

Your reporter has four pins left and hopes to get one himself, so that means at least three bowlers can still get in the 225 club.

The team standings and individual efforts are as follows:

TEAM STANDINGS	Pts.
Fumblers .....	55
Cardinals .....	53
Has Beens .....	52
Lynx .....	42
Tigers .....	40
Tom Cats .....	39
On-A-Lites .....	38
Bums .....	35
Tuff Stuff .....	35
Torpedoes .....	31

High Individual Singles	
Les Strand .....	248
Bob Hagner .....	236
Howard Cashin .....	233

Individual High 3-Game	
Howard Cashin .....	612
Jim Borroz .....	608
Ed Hoffmeister and Bob Chambers .....	593

High Ten	Ave.
Howard Cashin .....	174
Jim Borroz .....	173
Les Strand .....	170
Terry Lowry .....	165
Al Vogelpohl .....	165
Ed LaFortune .....	164
Bob Chambers .....	164
Bill Packer .....	161
Bud Schwerin .....	161
John Leake .....	160
Jim Collins .....	

## BOWLING GAME OF ANTIQUITY

Ever wonder how the game of bowling started? There are million of bowling fans in this country, but it is doubtful if very many of them know the game's origin.

For many years it was thought that the game of bowling was derived from lawn bowling, or vice versa, and some historians contend that the two games are closely related. The fact is that while lawn bowling is an ancient sport, that of bowling at pins didn't originate as a sport but rather as a religious ceremony.

In ancient chronicles it is revealed that the first bowling was done in the cloisters of cathedrals. It was the custom of the canons to have parishioners, in turn, place pins at one end of the cloister. This represented the "heathen." If a hit was scored it indicated that the thrower was leading a clean and pure life and was capable of slaying the heathen; if he missed, it meant that the parishioner had better attend service more faithfully. All this originated as early as the Third or Fourth Century, A. D.

After a time, the spirit of contest caused the game to cease being a religious gesture, and it became a sport. At first the pins, in varying numbers, were placed in a straight line from front to back, and the object was to see how many pins could be knocked down with one roll. As time went on, larger balls were used, as well as specially shaped pins. Finally nine pins was settled on as the standard game.

The Dutch introduced the game into America, exactly when is not known. The game gained real popularity along about 1835 in the New York region, and spread from there through New England and southward. Eventually the professional gamblers took over, and the game fell into ill-repute. In Connecticut, a law was passed prohibiting the game of "ninepin bowling." From then until 1895 the game practically lapsed, but in 1895, the American Bowling Congress was organized for the purpose of reviving bowling. The modern ten-pin game was devised to circumvent the Connecticut law.

Iron Fireman employees attest to the popularity of the game through their participation in their own league as well as the state and city tournaments.

## WINNING BOWLERS



These are the fellows who took the prize money in the recent State Bowling Tournament. From left to right, front row: Al Vogelpohl, Bill Packer and George Porter. Back row: Jim Collins and Les Strand.